

**CHECK AND METHOD OF PROVIDING APRIORI REFERENCE IMAGE**  
**QUALITY DATA FOR USE IN DETERMINING QUALITY OF AN**  
**IMAGE OF A FINANCIAL DOCUMENT**

**Abstract**

A check made of sheet material has at least one field of pre-printed information. Apriori reference image quality data which is representative of at least one characteristic of the pre-printed information contained in the at least one field is stored on the sheet material check. Alternatively, a check made of sheet material has at least one encoded symbol disposed on the sheet material. Apriori reference image quality data which is representative of at least one characteristic of the encoded symbol is stored on the sheet material of the check.